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SUBJECT: BAATHIST "UNIFIED PALESTINIAN ORGANIZATION" CONDEMNS
DEVIATING PALESTINIAN LEADERS

1. COMMEMORATION OF PALESTINE PARTITION HAS MARKED
RE-EMERGENCE OF THEME STRESSED LOCALLY DURING SYRO-
PALESTINIAN CONFRONTATION IN LEBANON: NEED TO HOLD
"DEVIATING PALESTINIAN LEADERS" ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR
"MISTAKES." REGIONAL COMMAND OF UNIFIED PALESTINIAN
(BAATHIST) ORGANIZATION ISSUED STATEMENT PUBLICIZED BY
NOV. 30 DAMASCUS MEDIA CHARGING THAT "OUR PALESTINIAN
LEADERSHIPS" HAVE INADEQUATELY LIVED UP TO THEIR RESPONS-
IBILITY FOR LEADING THE PEOPLE. DESCRIBING PALESTINIAN
MOVEMENT AS CURRENTLY DIVIDED, UPO APPEALED FOR PEOPLE TO
REMEMBER WHO RESPONSIBLE FOR MURDER OF THOUSANDS OF
PALESTINIANS IN LEBANON, PARALYZED PLO AND DISRUPTED
SYRO-PALESTINIAN UNITY, "WITHOUT WHICH THERE WILL BE
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NO RETURN TO PALESTINE." UPO URGED "COMPLETE REASSESS-

MENT OF OUR STRUGGLE," AND SUGGESTED NEW MOTTO: "FOR
REVOLUTION TO CONTINUE AND PALESTINE BELIBERATED, MASSES
MUST HOLD THEIR NEGLIGENT AND DEVIATING LEADERS ACCOUNT-
ABLE."

2. COMMENT: ISSUANCE OF UPO STATEMENT, FOLLOWING VISIT
OF ARAFAT TO DAMASCUS NOV. 27 (WHICH WAS ACCORDED NO
PUBLICITY BY SYRIAN MEDIA), IS A FURTHER INDICATION THAT,
AS MININFO AHMED ISKANDAR AHMED TOLD NYT TANNER OFF THE
RECORD LAST WEEK, SYRIA DESIRES TO SEE SOME CHANGES IN
CURRENT PALESTINIAN LEADERSHIP.SOME OF THE CURRENT LEADERS
HAVE MADE TOO MANY MISTAKES, HE SAID.
MURPHY

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